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REMARKS

Claims 15-29 are presently pending in the application.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Jessie A. Fenty for his thorough search and review of the prior-art, his careful consideration and examination of the present application and claims, and his indication that claims 19-21, 24, 25 and 27-29 contain allowable subject matter. In particular, Examiner Fenty stated that claims 24, 25 and 27-29 are allowed and that claims 19-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 15-18, 22, 23 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Dennison (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0113136 A1). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and submits that it is not proper by way of, for example, the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 submitted herewith. Consequently, Applicant requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions

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